

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 15, 17, 21-25, 27, 31-80 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 17, 21-24 and 31-51 were rejected by the Examiner. Claims 52-80 were withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 15, 25, and 27 are objected to by the Examiner. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 22-24, and 31-51 have been cancelled. Claims 15, 17, 21, 25, and 27 have been amended.

In light of the amendments and remarks herein, reconsideration of Claims 15, 17, 21, 25, and 27 is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims

While Applicants believe that the previously presented claims are patentable over all of the art cited in the Office Action as well as all other references submitted by Applicants, the claims have nonetheless been amended as follows. The amendments are therefore made without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original scope of the claims as provided prior to the cancellation or amendments, such as through continuation practice.

Claims 15, 17, 21, 25, and 27 are amended to recite all of the limitations of the base claims from which they depend and any intervening claims. Claim 15 is further amended to recite “selected from the group consisting of.”

As such, the amendments to claims 15, 17, 21, 25, and 27 do not add any new matter.

Double Patenting

The examiner has provisionally rejected claims 17 and 21 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on claim 1 of Application No. 10/776,936 and claim 1 of Application No. 10/776,686, respectively. Applicants traverse the rejection, but, in order to place the Application in condition for allowance, Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer herewith.

CONCLUSION

In summary, the above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration is respectfully requested for all the reasons set forth above. In the event that the Examiner deems that the amendments and remarks do not overcome the stated grounds for rejection, the Applicants kindly request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned representative to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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